

'He Will Represent the District.'



WM. W. FLOURNOY
Candidate for Congress, Third
Congressional District.

PRESS PRAISES COLONEL FLOURNOY

THE NEWSPAPERS PAY SPLENDID
TRIBUTES TO CANDIDATE FOR
CONGRESSMAN FROM THE
THIRD DISTRICT.

COMMENTS OF EDITORS

Clippings from Newspapers of the
Third District Show Colonel
Flournoy's Candidacy Meets
With Favor.

TRIBUTES BY HIS HOME PAPERS

Flournoy for Congress.

With genuine pleasure that
the district embraces the candidacy
of one Wm. W. Flournoy for con-
gressman from this district.

In view of the rapid strides that
this section of the state is making it
is absolutely necessary that the dis-
trict be represented by an aggres-
sive member of congress, and by a
man possessing ability in a marked
degree, and these are combined in
Colonel Flournoy as in no other can-
didate for this position.

It is simply say without assigning a
reason might be assumed to be based
merely upon personal friendship as
one of the men from which it is
known that a tree shall be known
by its fruits.

He is a native born Floridian, so
that he started right. At the age of
eighteen when in his freshman year
at the Agricultural college, his father
died, and to one less persevering and
ambitious for an education, under the
circumstances this would have meant
the end of his purpose to get a col-
lege education.

But not so with him. He literally
worked his way through college and
in spite of the handicap of working
all odd hours, he made such progress
that in his junior year he was made
assistant instructor in mathematics,
and, after his graduation, without ac-
quiescence on his part, but as a recog-
nition of his character and attain-
ment, he was made commandant, a
position he held for three years, leav-
ing there to attend the law depart-
ment of Cumberland university at
Lecannon, Tenn., where he graduated
with high honors.

He began the practice of law in
Pensacola, but afterwards moved
back to his native county where his
attainments as successful practitioner
at the bar have won him far more
than a local fame.

"In 1908 he was elected as state
senator from the Third district, com-
posed of Walton and Holmes counties,
and at once took a leading position
in this law-making body by reason of
his hard work and intellectual attain-
ments. In the session of 1909 it was
largely through his efforts that the
Progressive Democrats of that body
were enabled to pass the primary law
as it stands today, and much other
needed legislation calculated to pro-
tect the interests of the common peo-
ple as well as to kill a number of
measures which the vested interests
sought to make into laws.

"In the session of 1911 his work
in this direction was even more ef-
fective.

"As mayor of his home city for two
terms his policy was both progressive
and aggressive and it was largely due
to his efforts and public-spirited policy
that DeFuniak has the best system of
municipal-owned public utilities in the
state.

"From his youth up he has been
known and noted as a man who does
things. He has a wide acquaintance
among the big men of the nation, both
North and South, and everywhere he
is recognized as a man of scholarly
attainments and progressive ideas,
and the promises of support that have
come to him unsolicited from leading
men in the district prove that home
as well as abroad he is recognized
and regarded as the best man for the
place by those best in a position to
know."—DeFuniak Breeze, January
15, 1912.

"Colonel Flournoy's formal an-
nouncement, which appears in all the
papers in the district this week, is in
thorough accord with his record as a
legislator. There is nothing of the
demagogue, nothing of the political
mountebank or the cheap appeal to
passion or prejudice, but to intelli-
gence and intelligence alone. A man
who stands as he does in this mat-
ter would and will be a credit to the
district."—DeFuniak Breeze.

"The newspapers of the Third dis-
trict are giving the candidacy of Colo-
nel Flournoy the most flattering re-
ception, and they are pretty good bar-
ometers of the sentiment in their
communities."—DeFuniak Breeze,
February 1, 1912.

Splendid Tributes by His Home Papers
"While it has been known for some
time that it was not at all unlikely
that Col. William W. Flournoy would

be in the race for congressman from
this district, the first definite infor-
mation in regard to his candidacy
reached his friends here in his for-
mal announcement in the Pensacola
papers last Friday morning, the col-
onel having finally decided to enter
the contest in response to the ex-
pressed wishes of his friends in a

large or in a small way.
"The Herald is pleased to see Colo-
nel Flournoy get in the race and the
thoroughness and methodical prepa-
ration with which he goes about every-
thing he undertakes, coupled with his
recognized ability and general popu-
larity wherever he is known, leads us
to believe that he has a splendid
fighting chance for the coveted honor.
We devoutly hope to see good men come
to the front, and that is where Colo-
nel Flournoy has always been—in the
front—for everything that makes for
the betterment of conditions and the
happiness and welfare of the people.
While Colonel Flournoy possesses to
a marked degree a laudable desire to
please his fellow-citizens, he has
never been the man in anything af-
fecting the public good to stand back
a single instance on what might be
the probable opinion of 'Squire So-
and-so or Deacon Somebody Else, or
how his actions might affect his own
popularity, but when he has given all
interested an opportunity to be heard,
weighed the matter thoroughly in his
own mind and satisfied himself as to
what was right in the premises, he
has stuck to his opinions and poli-
cies with a bulldog tenacity that has
generally wrought the accomplish-
ment of his end.

"It was Colonel Flournoy's speeches
in the state senate that were a full
exposition of the merits and needs
of a well-trained military force
throughout the state, and such was
his logic and force of argument that
a Jacksonville man requested the
privilege of publishing these speeches
in the newspapers of Florida, but the
speeches were impromptu, and there-
fore were not published.

"Colonel Flournoy graduated as
bachelor of law from the law depart-
ment of Cumberland university in
June, 1900, under the famous Judge
Nathan Green and Dr. Andrew W.
Martin, since which time he has suc-
cessfully practiced his profession,
with headquarters and offices in De-
Funiak Springs. He has twice been
elected mayor of DeFuniak. During
his incumbency as mayor there was
constructed waterworks, an electric
light plant, sewerage system and a
school building. He also secured an
appropriation from Andrew Carnegie
for a \$10,000 library. He was elected
to the state senate in 1908. In 1911
he wrote and secured its passage,
without amendment, except its reduc-
tion to \$100,000, in the house, an ap-
propriation for the building of the
supreme court library and the rail-
road commission building. During the
session of 1911 he also participated in
many of the more important debates
relative to state legislation and was
chairman of judiciary 'A' of the sen-
ate. In 1909 he was chairman of the
committee on finance and taxation,
and the members of the senate found
him to be a valuable source of infor-
mation in matters coming before
the committee for consideration, as
he has made an exhaustive study of
finance and taxation.

"Colonel Flournoy organized and
for several years commanded com-
pany 'K' of the DeFuniak company of the
Florida National Guard, and brought
it to a degree of efficiency that at-
tracted the favorable comment of mil-
itary men all over the state.

"Should he be elected, we will have
in Colonel Flournoy a representative
of whom not only the people of the
Third congressional district, but those
of the entire state, may well feel
proud."—DeFuniak Herald.

"Col. Wm. W. Flournoy, who is a
candidate for congressman from the
Third district, has a double-column
announcement on the editorial page
of this paper. This formal announce-
ment is just such a plain, square, hon-
est, manly appeal to the intelligence
of the voter as might be expected
from one so deeply imbued with the
spirit of true patriotism as is Colonel
Flournoy. It is both an announce-
ment and a challenge. It is an an-
nouncement in the sense of making
public his candidacy for this hono-
rable office to which he aspires, and
a challenge in that he calls upon the
voters to exercise his own reasoning
facilities and to cast his ballot in ac-
cordance with his own best judgment.
It is at once a modest announcement
of the aims along which his
campaign is to be conducted, and a
dignified challenge to his opponents
to meet him along the same line. It
is just the document to do credit to
the noble, high-minded man who is

presenting it. Colonel Flournoy is
OUR MAN in this fight—our Hero of
'Troy'—and as we hope to groom him
for the impending day, we do it with
the full confidence that the place on
his bright helmet will ever be seen
floating where the light is the thickest
and that he will be an honorable
loss, but one worth of the best steel
of his adversaries. If it be the for-
tune of our bold warrior to return
victorious from the battle, we shall
rejoice with him in his success; but
if defeat should be his hap, we shall
drag his body within the walls and
bind up his wounds, knowing that
they were received in open, honora-
ble battle. We would rather see him
defeated in a clean, honorable contest
than to see him succeed by question-
able methods, and that is just the way
the colonel himself feels about the
matter."—DeFuniak Herald, January
25, 1912.

"Col. Wm. W. Flournoy is arrang-
ing his professional duties with the
courts so that he will have the op-
portunity of making a thorough can-
vass of the district in the interest of
his candidacy for congressman. It
is said that he will probably pur-
chase a 35-horsepower auto and go
out into the rural districts and see
every man personally that votes in
the district. He is already gaining
ground over his two opponents very
rapidly, and when he gets out talking
with the voters face to face it would
not surprise us if one or both of his
opponents were to see the hand-writ-
ing on the wall and withdraw from
the race before the first primary."—
Laurel Hill News, January 2, 1912.

"Col. Wm. W. Flournoy has his an-
nouncement in this issue. Read it
carefully and note the difference in
the ring of the way he addresses the
people and the 'stereotyped' old form
of the other two. He goes about his
business at all times in a business-
like way, always using the best of
language, and his ability is not to be
questioned, for he is today adjudged
one of the best posted men in the
state, and if the people will follow
after his talk through the press from
time to time it will be an easy mat-
ter to see that he is far the superior
and the best man of the three to rep-
resent the people of this district in
congress. He is more than entitled to
the position and is going to win."—
Laurel Hill News.

"We believe Col. W. W. Flournoy
could win over Danait H. Mays, con-
gressman from this district, hands
down. In fact, we believe he could
have 'a lead pipe cinch.'"—Laurel
Hill News.

Look up the announcement of Wm.
W. Flournoy for congress. His an-
nouncement is clean, clear-cut and to
the point. He is a lawyer of bril-
liant attainment and his reputation is
not confined to West Florida, but ex-
tends even to Washington. He will
see you before the primary and tell
you about his ambitions."—Chipley
Banner, February 1, 1912.

Will Be Successful in This, Too.

"Elsewhere in this issue will be
found the formal announcement of
Col. W. W. Flournoy of DeFuniak
as a candidate for congress
from this district. Colonel Flournoy
is one of West Florida's many good
lawyers, has represented his district
in the state senate and has made a
success in his business undertakings."—
Marianna Times-Courier.

A Vigorous Campaign.

"Hon. Wm. W. Flournoy of DeFu-
niak Springs was in our city Tues-
day in the interest of his candidacy
for congress. The colonel looks well,
and says he will make a vigorous
campaign from now until the end of
the show. Elsewhere in this issue
will be found his announcement."—
Milton Gazette.

Energetic and Systematic

"See the announcement on another
page of Hon. W. W. Flournoy of De-
Funiak Springs for the Third district.
Mr. Flournoy has been considered a
probable candidate for some time. His
ability is generally conceded and his
energetic and systematic manner of
doing things makes him a formidable
rival of the other aspirants for the
house."—Vernon News.

Laber Leaders Favor Flournoy.

The St. Augustine Mirror, edited
by Hon. Lewis W. Elm, president of
the State Federation of Labor, has
a very complimentary reference to
Colonel Flournoy's candidacy. Mr.
Elm has served through two sessions
of the state senate with Colonel

Flournoy and has served with him
since with Wm. W. Flournoy. He
renders the following comments on
the candidate's announcement.

"Senator William W. Flournoy of
DeFuniak Springs has announced his
candidacy from the Third district. The
state of Florida has no more brave,
cultured, conscientious men than Sen-
ator Flournoy, and certainly it is not
more methodical, painstaking, in-
defatigable worker could be found to
attend to the national capital than the
gentleman who so diligently and ably
represented the third peninsular dis-
trict in the senate of Florida the past
four years."

Flattering Vote in Holmes.

"Col. W. W. Flournoy's formal an-
nouncement for congress from the
Third district appears in duplicate
form in this issue of The Ad-
vertiser, and we ask our readers to
look it up. Colonel Flournoy is no
stranger to the people of Holmes
county and there is no doubt that
he will receive a very flattering vote
in this part of the district."—Bonifay
Advertiser.

Platform Clearly Defined.

"Wm. W. Flournoy has announced
elsewhere in these columns as a can-
didate for congressman from the
Third district. His announcement is
forcible and his platform clearly de-
fined. We shall have the pleasure
of hearing him speak to the voters
during the campaign."—Gracerville
Advertiser.

An Able Legislator.

"In this issue appears the an-
nouncement of Senator Flournoy for
congressman from the Third district.
Senator Flournoy lives at DeFuniak
Springs, and is considered one of the
strongest and ablest members of the
bar in West Florida. He has repre-
sented his district in the state senate
and on the floor of the senate dem-
onstrated that he was as able a leg-
islator as has been sent to Tallahassee.
He is a very able man, and has cour-
age to spare. It was he who threw
down the gauntlet to Governor Gil-
christ in the last session and for sev-
eral days had diplomatic relations off
between the senate and the governor's
office."—Havana News.

Supreme Court Building a Monument.

"Flournoy is going to cover the
whole district several times and hopes
to talk to every voter face to face and
despite Harry Floyd's joke on him,
in which it was insinuated that Flour-
noy is cold (which Flournoy says was
a good one), the senator's friends
know that the few who do not know
him already will find him a most
friendly kind of a fellow. If the col-
onel has ever appeared to be cold it
was because he was busy. He is an
able attorney with a large practice
and in the past his business has not
permitted his mingling to any great
degree with the people who have al-
ways had a warm place in his heart.
His record as mayor of DeFuniak for
two terms and as senator from Wal-
ton and Holmes for four years proves
that. He amended a bill for the pro-
tection of certain labor organizations
so that it applied to all unions, which
his friends say will make him strong
with labor. He is credited with ac-
cording municipal water, light and sew-
erage for DeFuniak while mayor, and
has made himself solid with Leon by
'daddying' a bill for the erection of
the handsome supreme court build-
ing at Tallahassee, which anchored
the capital in this end of the state
for all times. This will unquestion-
ably help him throughout the dis-
trict."—Pensacola Evening News.

"Senator Flournoy of DeFuniak is
one of the brainiest men. He has
often been mentioned for the United
States senate and repeatedly for con-
gress. He has represented his coun-
ty, Walton, in the state senate for
two terms, and was recently given
assurance that if he would run again
for the same office he would have an
opposition and indications are that he
would have been chosen president of
the Florida senate; but he aspires to
higher things and today announces
for congress from this district. He
has received on many occasions
of support that he feels confident that
it is his duty to run. To make the
race and serve will be somewhat of
a sacrifice for Senator Flournoy, for
he has a large legal practice which
he will have to abandon if he goes to
Washington and which he can give
little attention to while making the
extensive campaign he contemplates."

—Palm Beach Evening News.